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In re M. Graupe, J. Li, J. Link, S.

Application of Zipfel, A. Timm, D. Aldous, S.

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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to Final Action of April 30, 2007

Sir:

This Reply and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") are being filed in response to the Final Action dated April 30, 2007 ("the Action") pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. A three-month extension of the period for response expires on October 30, 2007. In response to the Action, the following amendments and remarks are being submitted for consideration by the Examiner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 24 of this Reply.